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CONSERVATION PROGRAMS MANUAL (CPM)
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Circular No. 15, Part 512, (Subpart D)

SUBJECT: PGM – Suspension of Payment Notification for Financial Assistance Conservation Programs

Purpose. To announce the suspension of payment notification for financial assistance conservation programs.

Effective Date. This Circular is effective upon receipt.

Background. Beginning in fiscal year 2010, the paper-based payment notification process by which recipients of Financial Assistance Conservation Programs received a notification by surface mail when a payment was made to their contract has been discontinued. This includes all programs managed by ProTracts. This decision was made by agency leadership, in part due to escalating costs of postage and envelopes. NRCS will be evaluating alternatives in the future as a part of the agency's streamlining conservation delivery initiative.

Contact. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact the Director, Financial Assistance Programs Division, at (202) 720-1844.

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